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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Zellner et al.

Serial No. 09/740,372

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Examiner: Brandon J. Miller

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

July 15, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks contained herein in response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 15, 2004.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments and remarks contained herein place

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the instant application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 8, 9, 16, 20, and 22 have been amended. Claim 10 has been canceled.

Claims 1-9 and 11-25 are now pending in the application. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and further examination of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims being on page 3; and

Remarks begin on page 7.